

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

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## **Recruitment Starts for Fremont's Mobility Commission**

*Applications Due on November 18*

The City of Fremont is now accepting applications for a new Mobility Commission to help address Fremont's transportation issues and needs. Earlier this year, the City Council approved a Mobility Action Plan, which was developed with guidance from a 14-member Task Force and an extensive community outreach process. The Task Force recommended the creation of an ongoing Mobility Commission to help implement the Mobility Action Plan. On October 15, 2019, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to formally establish the Mobility Commission.

The Mobility Commission will consist of nine members who are Fremont residents and includes representatives with expertise and leadership interests related to various travel modes including people who walk (two representatives), bicycle (two representatives), use transit (two representatives), and drive motor vehicles (two representatives); and persons with mobility impairments (one representative).

The Mobility Commission will have the following responsibilities:

- Assist the City with the implementation of actions included in adopted transportation plans, including the Mobility Action Plan and other plans related to traffic safety, traffic congestion management, school access, walking, bicycling, new technologies, and regional transportation.
- Help advocate for Fremont's interests with regional agencies, including support for transportation funding.
- Assist the City with public education, outreach, and promotional activities in order to stimulate community participation in efforts such as safe routes to schools, traffic safety education, and use of alternative transportation modes.
- Provide input on the preparation of new and updated transportation policies, plans, and projects.

- Provide a forum to receive public comment on mobility topics.

Applications for the Mobility Commission positions are due on Monday, November 18, 2019, at noon. Commission member appointments are at the Mayor's discretion and are proposed for review by the City Council in December 2019.

For more information and to submit an application, visit [www.Fremont.gov/MobilityCommission](http://www.Fremont.gov/MobilityCommission).

## Fremont Homeless Count and Survey Comprehensive Report Now Available

The City of Fremont's comprehensive report and summary detailing the Alameda County EveryOne Counts! 2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count and Survey has recently been completed. The report details the count's methodology and findings, as well as a deep analysis of the survey's results and future implications.

Notably, the report reveals that Fremont's homeless population increased by 27% since the 2017 Point-in-Time Count, and the number of unsheltered persons rose from 282 to 485. Compared to previous years, those who entered homelessness for the first time are experiencing homelessness for longer periods of time and individuals and families without stable housing are facing new challenges and have access to fewer resources.



For the first time, the survey provided a breakdown of where unsheltered people sleep; approximately 40% of Fremont's homeless population lives in an RV or car. Regardless of shelter status, 97% of those surveyed in Fremont desire stable housing. When asked how new funding should be spent, 51% of those experiencing homelessness in Fremont agreed on affordable rental housing and 32% expressed a need for permanent subsidies and help paying rent. In addition, 43% of Fremont's homeless population was also seeking basic sanitation, a need that is now starting to be addressed by Fremont's CleanStart Mobile Hygiene Unit.

This report accomplishes several important goals including preserving and enhancing current federal funding for homeless services, increasing public awareness of homeless issues, and improving the ability of policy makers and service providers to implement services that meet the needs of the local homeless population.

The EveryOne Counts! 2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count and Survey and comprehensive report were made possible through the efforts of EveryOne Home, Applied Survey Research, Aspire Consulting LLC, and many other programs, jurisdictions, individuals, and volunteers, under the oversight of EveryOne Home and the Alameda County Continuum of Care.

Those interested can find the comprehensive report at [www.Fremont.gov/HomelessCount2019](http://www.Fremont.gov/HomelessCount2019) and the two-page summary at [www.Fremont.gov/HomelessCount2019Summary](http://www.Fremont.gov/HomelessCount2019Summary).

## Fremont Issues Call for Artists for New Public Art Installation

Calling all artists! The City of Fremont is seeking artist proposals for the commission of an innovative and permanent public art installation for a new outdoor plaza, Inspiration Plaza, in Fremont's Warm Springs Innovation District. The artist will design, fabricate, and install the artwork. The call is open to all professional artists nationwide. Artists must be at least 18 years of age and have experience working with substantial budgets. The budget for this project—including design, fabrication, and installation—is \$160,000.



The new artwork will be located at Inspiration Plaza, which is part of a new mixed-use development currently under construction, Embark Apartments, located at 44758 Old Warm Springs Blvd. in the Warm Springs Innovation District. The development will include 524 residential apartments and 8,000 square-feet of retail space. Inspiration Plaza will be privately owned but publicly accessible open space. The space will be activated by retail, seating, and space for community events. The development, including the plaza, is anticipated to be complete by summer 2020. The artwork will be located at a highly visible location—the northeast corner of South Grimmer Boulevard and Old Warm Springs Boulevard and adjacent to the future public street, Inspiration Way. The artwork will not only help define the character of the area as a central gathering space and heart of the neighborhood, but allow for significant exposure of the artwork.

For more information and to apply, interested artists can visit [www.Fremont.gov/InspirationPlazaArt](http://www.Fremont.gov/InspirationPlazaArt). The deadline to apply is December 20, 2019.

## Could Home Sharing Be Right for You?

Home Match of the Tri-Cities is a home sharing program that helps connect homeowners with people seeking an affordable place to live. Through this free service, homeowners can benefit from additional income, companionship, or help with chores such as grocery shopping, pet care, or transportation. Home seekers (who live, work, or study in Fremont, Union City or Newark) can benefit from affordable rent and the opportunity to become part of a community.



Home Match connects people based on lifestyle and interests to ensure compatibility and program staff screens applicants through interviews, background checks, and home visits. Program staff will also design a comprehensive Living Together Agreement and will continue to work with both parties, even after the match is made, offering on-going support.

Home Match is a partnership with the City of Fremont and Covia, a Bay Area nonprofit provider of housing and older adult services.

To learn more, visit [www.Covia.org/services/home-match](http://www.Covia.org/services/home-match) or call 510-574-2173.

## **Fremont Mayor Lily Mei Joins National League of Cities 2020 Presidential Task Force**

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei was in the nation's capital this week as part of the local leaders 2020 Presidential Election Task Force. In partnership with the National League of Cities (NLC), the Task Force will help ensure community issues are uplifted during the 2020 Presidential election cycle.

"I am excited to represent Fremont on the 2020 Presidential Task Force," said Mayor Lily Mei. "As someone who supports local solutions throughout our region and beyond, this national Task Force will focus on a comprehensive platform that ensures local and community priorities are heard."



Mayor Mei joins 33 local elected officials from across the country looking to find solutions for cities, towns and villages on the national election stage. During the 2020 Presidential election cycle, it is important that every community and resident feel their voice and priorities are being heard.

"Local leaders have a major part to play in the election next November," said NLC President Karen Freeman-Wilson, mayor of Gary, Indiana. "I'm proud to welcome Fremont Mayor Lily Mei to Washington on behalf of the people of Fremont, California. Thanks to her leadership and active participation, this Task Force will help drive forward innovative solutions to the most pressing challenges facing our nation's communities."

The Task Force has appointed bipartisan co-chairs, the Hon. Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, California and the Hon. Francis Suarez of Miami, Florida.

"Our local platform will not be governed by a single political party, idea or group," said NLC First Vice-President Joe Buscaino, councilmember of Los Angeles, California. "Local leaders like myself believe that political parties are irrelevant to providing necessary services for Americans. This Task Force is diverse, bipartisan and singularly focused on the success and future of our nation's communities."

For a full list of the Task Force members, see below.

### **Co-Chairs**

Eric Garcetti, Mayor, Los Angeles, CA – co-chair

Francis Suarez, Mayor, Miami, FL – co-chair

### **Members**

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilmember, Tempe, AZ

Scott Benson, Councilmember, Detroit, MI

Andy Berke, Mayor, Chattanooga, TN

Margaret Byrnes, Executive Director, New Hampshire Municipal Association

Krisanna Clark-Endicott, Councilmember, Redmond, OR

John Dailey, Mayor, Tallahassee, FL

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Kathy Ehley, Mayor, Wauwatosa, WI

Derek Green, Councilmember, Philadelphia, PA  
Shannon Hardin, Council President, Columbus, OH  
David Holt, Mayor, Oklahoma City, OK  
Lindsey Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem, West Hollywood, CA  
Chokwe Lumumba, Mayor, Jackson, MS  
John Lundell, Mayor, Coralville, IA  
Lily Mei, Mayor, Fremont, CA  
Salvatore Panto, Mayor, Easton, PA  
Steve Patterson, Mayor, Athens, OH  
Stephanie Piko, Mayor, Centennial, CO  
Sean Polster, Councilmember, Warrenton, VA  
Grover Robinson, Mayor, Pensacola, FL  
David Sander, Vice Mayor, Rancho Cordova, CA  
Brandon Scott, Council President, Baltimore, MD  
Rebecca Viagran, Councilmember, San Antonio, TX  
Victoria Woodards, Mayor, Tacoma, WA  
Acquanetta Warren, Mayor, Fontana, CA  
Steve Williams, Mayor, Huntington, WV

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor, Gary, IN, NLC President  
Joe Buscaino, Councilmember, Los Angeles, CA, NLC First Vice President  
Kathy Maness, Councilmember, Lexington, SC, NLC Second Vice President  
Clarence Anthony, Executive Director, National League of Cities  
Tim Barnes, President, Community Leaders of America  
Barbara Moore, Executive Director, Democratic Municipal Officials

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